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 System Pressure

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is an Amendment filed on even date with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed in the above-referenced abandoned patent application, and is filed on even date with a Petition to Revive. Upon grant of the Petition to Revive, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the merits of this application.

In particular, Applicants note that certain claims were indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record. In view of the amendment set forth below and the remarks that follow, it is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are now in a condition to be allowed.

Request for Interview Prior to First Official Action

Applicants respectfully request an interview prior to issuance of an Office action in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that such a request is ordinarily granted in continuing or substitute applications. See MPEP 713.02.

Marked-up Version Showing Changes Made in the Claims

A clean set of the amended claims is attached hereto; please enter the following amendments:

1. (Twice Amended) Chronic implant apparatus for decreasing pressure in a first portion of a vessel of a cardiac structure of a patient comprising a shunt implanted in